

**TRI-TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - WEDNESDAY EVENING
DECEMBER 19, 2012**

Present: Barrington Town Council Members June Sager Speakman, Kate G. Weymouth, Cynthia Armour Coyne, William C. DeWitt and Ann P. Strong; Bristol Town Council Members Mary A. Parella, Halsey C. Herreshoff, Timothy E. Sweeney, Edward Stuart, Jr. and Nathan T. Calouro; Warren Town Council Members Christopher Stanley, David Frerichs, Catherine Tattrie, Scott Lial and Joseph DePasquale

ALSO PRESENT: Town Solicitor for Barrington and Bristol Michael Ursillo; Barrington Town Manager Peter A. DeAngelis, Jr., Bristol County Water Authority Executive Director Pamela Marchand and Barrington Town Clerk Linda H. James

I. Call to Order

President Speakman called the Barrington Town Council meeting to order; Chairman Parella called the Bristol Town Council meeting to order and Warren Town Council President Stanley called the Warren Town Council meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

II. Discuss and Act on Bristol County Water
Authority's Strategic Plan, Finance Plan and
Rate Information

Pamela Marchand, Bristol County Water Authority Executive Director, made a power point presentation requesting to raise the water rates. She predicts the Water Authority will run out of money for expenses by the end of next year without more revenue. This is partly due to an aging infrastructure, having a single water source, declining demand (people are conserving) and an out-dated management system. They have reduced costs by cutting the debt service, negotiating a favorable contract with the union and reducing retirement expenses. Although the Authority has funds set aside, the funds are not for the day to day running of the Authority but are for paying off bonds. Ms. Marchand is asking for a 12% rate hike for next year and 4% hike on top of that for four more years.

III. Discuss and Act on Anawan Dam Agreement &
Repairs

David Drowne, President of the Anawan Club, a sportsman's club in Rehoboth, MA where BCWA has indentured water rights said BCWA was to maintain the Anawan dam in the Shad

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reservoir. They have not and the area continues to deteriorate. The club has therefore filed suit for \$300,000 against the BCWA in the Bristol County (MA) Superior Court. John Hutson, Vice President of the Anawan Club offered additional information. Town Solicitor Ursillo informed the councils that because of the lawsuit they are not allowed to question or comment but may question their BCWA directors.

IV. Regionalization/Shared Municipal Services

Councilman DeWitt suggested the councils consider forming an ad hoc committee similar to the committee Barrington formed a year ago to study budget forecasting. Each town would have a member of the public and a council member to research and study shared services. Chairman Parella mentioned a study from 1999 that was done during the banking crisis. Town Solicitor Ursillo suggested each town create a task force at their January council meetings.

There being no further business, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 P.M.

Linda H. James, Barrington Town Clerk